

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A communication apparatus comprising:
 - registration means for registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from the clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;
 - reception means for receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;
 - confirming means for confirming whether each of the clients maintains a valid account;
 - generating means for generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails directed to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception means, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the clients received by said registration means; and
 - transmission means for transmitting the electronic mail generated by said generating means to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients,
 - wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

2. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said generating means attaches an image received by said reception means to the electronic mail.
3. *(Cancelled).*
4. *(Cancelled).*
5. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the customized format of an image includes information on whether or not to attach the image to the electronic mail.
6. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the customized format of an image includes information on whether to attach all or a part of said received image.
7. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the customized format of an image includes information on an encoding system of said attached image.
8. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reception means receives the color and/or monochrome image information based on a facsimile procedure.
9. *(Original)* The communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said facsimile procedure is based on the ITU-T T. 37 recommendation.
10. *(Currently Amended)* A communication apparatus comprising:
 registration means for registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

reception means for receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

management means for validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception means, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration means; and

transmission means for transmitting the generated electronic mail to each of the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients validated by said management means,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

11. *(Original)* The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said reception means executes a reception process based on the ITU-T T. 37 recommendation.
12. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said management means manages whether to transmit only text, transmit only attachment file or transmit both the text and the attachment file of the received data.
13. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said management means is capable of managing a plurality of electronic mail accounts registered at said registration means.
14. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said management means manages whether or not one of the registered email accounts is a mobile terminal.

15. (*Previously Presented*) The communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said management means manages the setting in case of forwarding an electronic mail to the mobile terminal.
16. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising:
a registration step of registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from the clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;
a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;
a confirming step of confirming whether the client maintains a valid account;
a generation step of generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails directed to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the clients received by said registration step; and
a transmission step of transmitting the electronic mail generated by said generation step to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients,
wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.
17. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising:
a registration step of registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a management step of validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the generated electronic mail to each of the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients validated in said management step,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

18. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable medium storing a computer program for controlling a communication apparatus upon executed by a computer, said program having:

a registration step of registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from the clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a confirming step of confirming whether the client maintains a valid account;

a generation step of generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails directed to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image

information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the clients received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the electronic mail generated by said generation step to the plurality of electronic mails accounts of clients,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

19. (*Currently Amended*) A computer readable medium storing a computer program for controlling a communication apparatus upon executed by a computer, said program having:

a registration step of registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a management step of validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating ~~an electronic mail~~ a plurality of electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where ~~the electronic mail~~ each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the generated electronic mail to each of the plurality of electronic mail accounts of clients validated in said management step,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the ~~image~~ received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to ~~[[the]]~~ a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

20. *(Previously Presented)* The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission means transmits the electronic mail generated by said generating means to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration means.
21. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 16, wherein said transmission step transmits the electronic mail generated by said generation step to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration step.
22. *(Previously Presented)* The computer readable medium according to claim 18, wherein said transmission step transmits the electronic mail generated by said generation step to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration step.